

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A media system comprising:

    a video screen;  
    a screen generator connected to the video screen which determines a channel that is currently being displayed on the video screen and which causes the video screen to flash to convey via a predetermined serial protocol channel identification information that functions to specify the channel that was determined to be currently being displayed on the video screen; and

    a remote control comprising:  
        a memory having a favorite channel table;  
        an optical receiver connected to receive the video screen flashes and convert them to an electrical signal;  
        a controller connected to the optical receiver for decoding the electrical signal to thereby store in the favorite channel table of the memory the channel identification information; and  
        programming response to actuation of a favorite channel key which retrieves from the favorite channel table of the memory the channel identification information and which uses the channel identification information to cause a transmission of a command adapted to tune an appliance to the channel corresponding to the channel identification information.

2. (Original) The media system of Claim 1, wherein the video screen is operably connected to flash light and dark screens.

3-19. (Canceled)

20. (New) The media system of claim 1, wherein the screen generator causes the video screen to flash in response to a transmission received from the remote control.

21. (New) A media system comprising:

a screen generator to be associated with a video screen which, at a time a transmission is received, determines a channel that is currently being displayed on the video screen and which causes the video screen to flash to convey via a predetermined serial protocol channel identification information that functions to specify to a device adapted to process the channel identification information the channel that was determined to be currently being displayed on the video screen.

22. (New) The media system of claim 21, wherein the predetermined serial protocol channel identification information is conveyed by causing the video screen to flash light and dark screens.